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1. About 50 per cent of Lepaya's population consists of military, naval, and government personnel, especially naval. A part of the personnel belongs to the coast guard or infantry, but representatives of the latter arm are in the minority.
2. After the end of the war, the Soviet military built a number of two-story barracks next to the naval harbor. A tank unit is quartered in them. The unit has about 30 tanks at its disposal. Next to the bridge in the naval harbor, there are also four or five one-story barracks in which artillery troops are stationed.
3. Several coast artillery guns are located in the area around the naval harbor. The number, caliber, and precise locations could not be given. North of the railroad, from the naval harbor to a road crossing directly north of the shipyard, there is an antiaircraft battery of four guns whose caliber is not known.
4. For about one-and-one-half years, an antiaircraft battery of four large guns has been located at the southern shore of the naval harbor's canal. It is between the former civil airport and a grove of trees lying east of the airport. The length of the barrels is judged to be four to five meters. The guns are protected from shrapnel by a log structure. Since the summer of 1952, there has been an antiaircraft battery of four guns east of Aspazijas birze, in the neighborhood of the canal. The caliber is unknown.
5. There is an antiaircraft battery on the shore south of the bridge across the naval harbor's canal. The battery, which has been seen at close range, is, however, only made up of dummy wooden guns. Since the summer of 1952 a battery of four guns has been set up on the quay between the winter harbor and the free harbor. Another battery of four guns is set up on the shore at the end of Padomju prospekt. Both searchlights and listening apparatus have been observed there.
6. Military radio transmitters have been observed in the marshaling yard in the naval harbor area on the left side of the road that leads from the naval harbor's bridge northward. The outer station is manned by infantrymen in uniform.

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7. A signal school for noncommissioned officers is located in the so-called Emigrant House in Jaun Lepaya, the northern part of the city. The city commandant's building is located in Graudu iela at Padomju prospekt, formerly Kurmajas prospekt.
8. A naval unit is quartered in a three-story wooden building in the northern part of Juras iela, and another is stationed at the northern corner of Juras iela and Liela iela. Naval commandos, on whose hats are the letters BF (Baltic Fleet), also belong to this unit.
9. An infantry unit is stationed at the northwest corner of Jauna iela and Ganibu iela. Still another infantry unit is stationed at the corner of Darza iela and Apsu iela. Parts of this unit are also located on the opposite corner of Apsu iela. Among other things, the unit has at its disposal amphibious vehicles.
10. A military garage is located in the southern part of the city, next to the Jewish cemetery.
11. Ammunition depots are located at the following places:
 - a. At the naval harbor, in the former Latvian artillery laboratory.
 - b. In the southern part of the city, in the area of the former powder factory near the canal.
 - c. In the earthworks on the shore, next to the Dynamo stadium, previously the Olympia stadium.
 - d. On the road which cuts Rigas iela and the railroad west of Saulesmuiza.
12. According to information from instructors in the DOSAAF, there are radar stations every 80 kilometers along the whole Baltic coast. A radar installation is also said to be located at the former civil airport. About six kilometers south of Lepaya, and next to the road which leads to Perkone (N56-28, E21-05), there is a mobile radar station with double, bowed antennae. The antennae are four meters wide and two meters high, and are individually movable. The stand or mounting can be moved vertically. Next to the radar trucks, three other trucks have been observed with similar installations mounted on the back. All the trucks have been there since the summer of 1952 and were still there in January 1953.
13. A similar radar installation is located somewhat further south, on the opposite side of the road. At this same place there are also four or five two-story barracks. There is a masonry tower, about 20 meters high, located about 100 meters from these buildings in the direction of the sea. On top of the tower is an observation opening which faces toward the sea. No light has been observed in the tower. There is another radar installation on Ganibu iela, north of the central cemetery. It is somewhat smaller than the ones mentioned above.
14. There are four masts, 20 to 25 meters high, in the vicinity of the canal, that is, figured from the central cemetery in the direction of the sea. In connection with this station, trucks with listening equipment have also been observed.
15. Watchtowers, made of iron and about 20 meters high, have been built in four places in Lepaya. One tower is located on the quay between the winter harbor and the city canal. The exact location of the others could not be given. The towers have a platform on top, on which two searchlights are mounted.

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